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**Quick Hits**

**Time to show off your patriotism.**  
Next Tuesday, June 14, is Flag Day. While there seems to be little bi-partisan cooperation these days, there's one thing we Americans agree on: This is indeed a grand old country. So get your American flag out this weekend and let the world know you care about our country.

And doesn't it look nice to see American flags on display as you walk/drive down Hamtramck's streets?  
And you can also do your patriotic duty this Saturday by participating in the monthly Hamtramck recycling program. The drop off center will be at the city parking lot on Caniff at McDougal, and it will be open from 9-3 p.m.

**Quote of the week ...**

**Who said this, and what is it about?** You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

**"You'll still see me in there, just not on that side of the bar."**

**— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —**

## Heatwave rolls into town, and there could be more

*"Whenever I'm with him  
Something inside  
Starts to burnin'  
And I'm filled with desire  
Could it be the devil in me  
Or is this the way love's  
supposed to be  
Just like a heatwave  
Burning in my heart  
Can't keep from cryin'  
It's tearing me apart"  
Martha and the Vandellas*

**By Charles Sercombe**

Let's check the calendar. Yep, there are still two weeks to go before summer starts. That's right, it's still spring and we have already suffered several days in the last couple of weeks of 90-plus degree weather.

Does this mean this summer is going to be another scorcher just like last year? Some climate experts say that thanks to global warming, we will be experiencing hot, hot summers for the next several years.

This past Tuesday and Wednesday gave us a taste of the heatwave to come,



**One of the best ways to beat this week's suffocating heat was to cool off at the splash pad in Pulaski Park. The metro area will enjoy a break from the heat for the next few days, but some say this summer could be another scorcher.**

and Hamtramck residents seemed to get along just as well as any other community. In other words, we suffered.

According to the Fire De-

partment, numerous ambulance runs were made to help rescue people suffering from the heat.

"You've got to hydrate yourself, drink a lot of water,

or you'll be in trouble," said Fire Chief Steve Paruk. "A lot of people don't have air conditioning."

Without a doubt, the best

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## Hold on to those city issued garbage cans

**By Charles Sercombe**

You might want to keep a close eye on your city-issued garbage can.

That's because there is a one-year waiting list to get another one if yours happens to go missing.

Recently, a reader named Michael left us a message that he called City Hall about getting a replacement and he was told about the waiting list. We haven't been able to get a hold of Michael, but we did talk to Marty Ladd, the Director of Public Services.

He confirmed there is indeed a shortage of cans.

"We have a lot of folks who need cans, but we only got so many," Ladd said.

As for when the city will get replacements, Ladd said that's up in the air.

"We'll get cans when we can," he said. "They're not cheap."

The city's original plan was to charge residents \$75 for a new can, but that plan never worked out.

"We basically gave them away," Ladd said.

So ... what's a person to do?

Ladd said residents can purchase their own garbage can, but it must come with a secure lid. The one thing you cannot do, however, is throw your garbage out into the alley in just a plastic bag.

That's a code violation, and you could be ticketed.



## Teachers take a hit in the wallet

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck Public School teachers have agreed to a salary cut and to pay 20 percent of their health care costs.

Their new contract was ratified Tuesday by a 2-1 margin.

Teachers will also be hit with a pay freeze and then a 5 percent salary cut later this year, as well as another 5 percent cut in 2012.

The concessions come at a time when the district is facing a \$3 million budget deficit, and also at a time when the Republican controlled state legislature and Gov. Rick Snyder are demanding similar concessions for all teachers.

Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay said he "appreciates" teachers helping cut costs for the district.

"It's not an easy thing to do," Niczay said in reference to the concessions. "Unfortunately, it's the situation we're in."

The president of the teachers' union, Michelle Cook, said teachers realize the district is in a financial jam.

"We need to preserve Hamtramck Public Schools for future generations," Cook said.

Brad Neff, a media specialist at Kosciuszko Middle School, said the concessions had to be made in order to avoid a state-appointed emergency financial manager taking over the district.

"No one likes concessions, but it might be a far better thing to accept one level of concessions now than to later accept far greater concessions at the hands of a Lansing-appointed emergency financial manager," Neff said.

Cook added that the threat of a financial manager taking over the district is an "attack on collective bargaining rights."

Niczay said that despite the concessions, he cannot guarantee that there won't be layoffs next fall. He said the

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# TOAST of the TOWN

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events that can be found throughout the city.

**By Alan R. Madeleine**

In this town, everyone with a love of new music and local bands has likely spent some quality time in The Belmont bar. After this weekend, those memories will be a bit more cherished, perhaps.

You see, The Belmont is shutting it down.

And, when it does reopen, there will almost certainly be no live music anymore.

Known for its weekly staples such as hosting the late Julie Hecker and her "Punk Fitness" workout; "Rock and Rummage," which combined music with an in-bar rummage sale; "Pabst, Punk and Porn," wherein vintage nudie movies coupled with bad cheap beer made for gently lewd and laughy times; and "Manicure Martini Mondays," where a gal could get spruced up while letting her hair down, the bar lasted almost nine years in its current format. The venue was also a regular playspace during the Hamtramck Blowouts.

Co-owner (and Hamtramck DDA Director) Darren Grow is

stepping out of the picture – "By choice," he tells The Review – leaving partner Mark Hausner to join forces with some other buyers, once the details can get hammered



**Belmont Bar co-owner Darren Grow is getting out of the bar business, but the bar itself will continue on. However, the bar will no longer host live music. Well, he gave it his best shot, sorry, pun intended.**

effort.

It's a standard bit of wisdom in the industry that the average bar attracts enough patrons — to thrive — for approximately its first three years. If you can make it to five, you're really doing something.

This incarnation of The Belmont almost doubled that. Clever promotions like those listed above certainly factored in to the equation.

But it was the friendliness of Grow, his staff, and the regular patrons, over and beyond those gimmicks, that often sealed the deal, according to many of the reviews on Google's place page for the bar. "Great bartenders and owners," touts one reviewer. "Rocks!!" "The atmosphere is fun," says another. "... best sound, the cleanest bathrooms and the cheapest drinks," notes a third.

If there was a negative, it was where the stage had to be located, crammed as it was back into the narrow west end of the space. An open courtyard, which provided for welcome fresh air in the old smoking-allowed days, took up the other half of that back area, forcing people in-

terested in the live acts to shoehorn in. They often had to stand on tiptoe to get a glimpse at the live acts.

Alas, that won't be a problem anymore. Grow says the new owners will no longer host live music.

Grow is sending the enterprise off with a "Going Away Party" this Saturday night. Grow's voice betrays some combination of weariness, pride, and incipient nostalgia as he fills in the picture. And he asks that he be allowed to express his love and thanks to "all who played, worked, drank, or hung out" at his bar.

"You'll still see me in there," he says, "just not on that side of the bar."

For a number of us who enjoyed his easy cordiality over these past nine years, and the imagination he put into his weekly programming, it will seem strange indeed.

Do you know of a cool bar, a great restaurant or just a nice place to hang out? If you have tips on special events or just want to shine some light on your favorite spot send a message to [news@thehamtramckreview.com](mailto:news@thehamtramckreview.com) or call us at (313) 874-2100.

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## This week at the library...

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First Prize, Pat Swider and her cat "Alien"; Second Prize, Ewa Tadel and her cat "Fifi"; Third Prize, Chris Wilinski and his two rescue kittens. All photos are on display at the Library.

**Prime Time Family Reading Program - Thursday at 6 p.m. until June 30.** Prime Time Reading is a family-oriented program to encourage parents to read together with their children. The program is designed for children ages 6 years and older. During intermission, a meal will be served during every session. Space is limited, first come first serves registration.

**Registrations for Summer Reading Program:** All children are invited to register for the Library's 2011 Summer Program series which will start on Wednesday, June 29 with a 1 p.m. party for all who have registered.

**Summer Reading for Toddlers:** Starting July 11, on Mondays at 11 a.m., the library will hold Summer Reading Programs for Toddlers. To participate, please register before July 11.

**ESL Class for Beginners - Saturday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m.** Christine Templin is the instructor for the ESL class for beginners. Everyone is invited. Free to the public.

**Storytime for Children - Saturday, June 11 at noon.** All children are invited to library storytime. Learn how to capture the sound of the wind by making your own bead wind chime and listen to a story from a book "All the World" by Liz Garton Scanlon.

**Computer Classes for Advanced Users - Monday, June 13 at 11 a.m.** Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy each Monday at the library. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Math Club Meeting - Tuesday, June 14 at 4 p.m.** Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club and math tutoring.

**Computer Classes for Beginners - Wednesday, June 15 at 11 a.m.** Basic instructions on computer use for beginners will be held on Tuesdays. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Movie Wednesday - Wednesday, June 15 at 3:30 p.m.** Every Wednesday is movie day at the library. Come and enjoy our feature presentation, which includes free popcorn and snacks.

**Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, July 14 at 6 p.m.** Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. The meeting is open to the public.

**Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m.** FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday, invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

**One Sky, Many Stories - Wednesday, July 27 at 1 p.m.** Summer Reading Program journey around the globe to show how different cultures view the night skies. Inside our portable planetarium children will explore the night skies and hear myths and folklore stories arising from what is seen in the constellations and stars.

**Cooking and Nutrition Class - Thursday, July 28 at 4 p.m.** Gleamers Food Bank is sponsoring cooking and nutrition classes taught by a chef and dietitian at the Library. Classes are free to the public. Sessions last for two hours. Participants will receive free cookbooks, free groceries and secret recipes from the pros. Number of participants is limited. You must register ahead of time. All spaces filled on first come first serve basis. To register call the library at (313) 365-7050.

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# Second Front Page

## Veterans Park could be going to the dogs

By David Piestrzynski  
Special to The Review

Lauren Hepola has a "pet" project that's worth howling about.

She wants to create a dog park for Hamtramck.

"I see it as a way to promote responsible pet ownership in Hamtramck," she said.

Hepola also points out the positive effects a dog park could have on the city for residents and visitors alike. She said a dog park could increase interaction between Hamtramck citizens, building

more cohesion in the community.

While still in the early stages, Hepola's idea is getting a positive reaction from residents and city officials.

"It's a great idea," said Jason Friedmann, Hamtramck's Director of Community & Economic Development. "There's a good group of citizens behind it, and the city is committed to try and find a way to pay for it."

Hepola and other supporters of the park are currently applying for a grant as part of

the city's Master Plan, as well as looking at the possibility of private funding for the project.

The group currently has several ideas for the future location of the dog park, the primary spot being Veterans Memorial Park. Some of the ideas this group has had for the park include adding benches, agility jumps and in-

formational signs about vaccine recommendations and low-cost vaccine clinics in the area.

Hepola said there are several other possibilities for features and locations currently being talked about.

"We're still in the early process," she said. "Nothing has been set in stone."



## New housing construction to begin

By Charles Sercombe

A new round of housing construction is about to get underway.

This will be the second of three phases to finalize an agreement from a housing discrimination lawsuit filed over 30 years ago.

The upshot of the agreement is the city must provide 200 housing units for those who filed the lawsuit. Although it is agreed that the housing deal took far too long to come to, and that it is tantamount of "justice delayed is justice denied," city officials say new housing is a welcomed addition any time.

In these final three phases of the agreement, new rental dwellings have

been built and now a combination of 39 new houses and rehabs will start up.

Wayne County is also pitching in for the final leg of the project by building four new housing units and rehabbing 26 existing housing units.

While the new housing couldn't come at a worse time period, considering there has been a collapse in the housing market along with a wave of foreclosures, the houses are indeed selling, said Hamtramck director of Economic & Community Development, Jason Friedmann, thanks to financial assistance being offered for those who qualify.



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# Police auction brings out the big bidders



By Alan R. Madeleine

You want a hot deal on a used car, industrial-sized fan, big-screen TV or bag of jewelry?

Well mister, you should've been there on the steps of City Hall last Saturday afternoon, as merchandise, auction goers, curious spectators and police alike sweltered in the 90-plus steam bath that was the 2011 confiscated property police auction.

Familiar faces, local businesspersons and others jostled for a better look, or to shout out their price, on nearly 20 vehicles, as well as numerous bicycles, fans, a/c units and tables for smaller items.

Many hoping for a bargain on a vehicle found themselves on the wrong end of a bidding war with deep-pocketed local used-car dealerships, even though the vehicles – autos, SUVs and jeeps, a couple of vans, a pair of motorcycles, a trailer and a dune buggy, collected from criminals during drug raids or the like – tended to go for between \$600 and \$2,000, with one or two ex-

ceptions.

An assistant started each vehicle, most of which complied, a few of which did not. Bids flew regardless. A few oaths were uttered. One frustrated man, putting a bid in too late, moaned that the auctions were being closed too abruptly. Sgt. Wally Tripp, the officer conducting the sale, good-naturedly reminded the crowd to speak up and raised their hands to have their bids seen and heard.

Caught up to, by phone, afterwards, Tripp noted that the annual auction brought in about \$30,000 for the department. The money raised goes to help pay for new vehicles and other equipment.

"The city hasn't had to shell out for a new police car in 25 years," he said. "These 'drug funds' pay for quite a bit."

He reminds people that a few dollars spent on an engraver can pay for itself many times over. "If you engrave your name on your belongings, we can get them back to you if they turn up stolen," he said. "Otherwise, the stuff can easily end up out here."



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# Public schools look for a library makeover

By Mike Murphy  
Special to The Review

Hamtramck Public Schools Media Specialist Brad Alan Neff is hoping that a mini makeover set to take place at the Holbrook Elementary School Library will lead to a major makeover at the library by drawing the attention of grant-providers that focus on improving children's reading skills.

Volunteers will repair books from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16 at Holbrook Elementary Library, which Neff feels is an outstanding library in a library system he said is one of the best in the Detroit metropolitan area.

The Revue talked to Neff about the upcoming mini makeover, the library, and the ongoing need to improve the reading skills of many young students.

**What do you hope to accomplish on the 16th and what kind of community involvement are you looking for?**

Neff: During the mini-makeover, we'll be repairing books. Because many of our students are new to this country, there's always a certain amount of damage, mostly torn pages that need to be repaired. Any adult can help. I'm hoping that we have a lot of adults helping on the sixteenth.

**What makes the Hamtramck Schools' library system the best library system in the Greater Detroit area?**

Neff: We have far more resources. At Holbrook alone, we should receive about two thousand brand new books soon. As non-profit schools, we place a much higher stress on free choice, full-book reading than many schools. I think that all of us contribute to this effort.

As reading is the cornerstone of educational success, I think reading is a part of all academic subjects.

**Is this library only for the use of children who attend Holbrook Elementary or for other children, too?**

Neff: As a public school district, our libraries are open for our students, of course. The only public school districts libraries open to everyone in the community are the combination libraries located in exceptionally rural areas. In such rural areas, there is not at all a separate community library. In Michigan, such libraries are rare, but they do exist.

**What do you think you need to show/do in order to impress the folks who decide on the grants?**

Neff: With the most historic elementary school in all of Michigan, I think Holbrook Elementary will receive additional grants in time. According to the National Register of Historic Places, no other elementary school has the history or record that Holbrook has.

I think that when foundations know more about Holbrook Elementary, they may elect to help us to help our students. We have a lot of spectacular students who go to school in this school district.

**Tell me a little bit more about the grants.**

Neff: The Holbrook Library has already won two Laura

Bush grants—and some smaller grants. Earlier this school year, we were told that we were on the list for a Piston's Read to Achieve Library Makeover Grant for the 2011-2012 school year.

Now – because Karen Davidson is a minority owner and Tom Gores is the new majority owner – I think the program was placed on hold. I hope to see Karen Davidson, Ethan Davidson, or Tom Gores at the mini-makeover event on the 16th.

**What is your connection to the library?**

Neff: I'm the school media specialist for eight grades, grades one through eight. The first day I interviewed with the district, I visited the Holbrook Library to get a look at it. It was on that day that I fell in love with the historic Holbrook Library.

No matter how poor a community is, the students deserve quality libraries every bit as much as the students in richer communities do. I wish politicians would fund schools in a consistent, fair manner throughout Michigan.

Right now, some schools receive far more funding than other schools—almost twice as much.

**Tell me about the Read to Achieve program if you can.**

Neff: Each year, the community relations department for

## Budget Hearing

Hanley International Academy will be hosting their 2011-2012 budget hearing and annual organizational meeting, open to the public, at 7am on Thursday, June 24, 2011 at 3056 Hanley St. Hamtramck, MI. 48212

## Request for Bid

Hanley International Academy is accepting bids for classroom and office furniture for their new school building. Interested parties please email [greg@therominegroup.com](mailto:greg@therominegroup.com)

## City of Hamtramck Department of Community and Economic Development Request for Qualifications (RFQ) For NSP2 Residential and Mix Use Architectural Services

The City of Hamtramck is seeking architects to provide architectural services for its Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 2) residential and mixed-use development projects.

The full Request for Qualifications (RFQ) package can be obtained by visiting [www.hamtramck.us](http://www.hamtramck.us), or contacting the Department of Community & Economic Development at 313.870.0294, or emailing [jfriedmann@hamtramckcity.com](mailto:jfriedmann@hamtramckcity.com)

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## Teachers take a hit in the wallet

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question of layoffs depends on how many students enroll next fall.

Last fall, student enrollment fell by over 150 students. Hamtramck's public schools have seen a steep drop in enrollment in recent years because of competition from local charter schools. That drop in students has resulted in the loss of millions of dollars in state aid.

The competition for students is only going to get tougher. Hanley International Academy is building a new school on Denton St. that will house pre-kindergarten students through 8th grade.

All of the state's public school districts have been hit with funding cuts. Gov. Snyder and lawmakers have been going back and forth on how deep the cuts should be for the past few months.

The final version appears to be that funding per student will decrease by \$400, with a chance for the district to earn \$200 back per student if it succeeds in getting concessions.

Niczay said the district is facing a budget reduction of \$871,500. Asked if the district can survive such a drastic decrease in state funding, Niczay gave a terse reply: "We're going to try."

The Michigan Education Association, which represents public school teachers, has criticized Snyder and his fellow Republican lawmakers for cutting education funding.

The MEA says it's an attempt to buy the teachers' union and privatize services.

On Tuesday, the MEA called for teachers to hold protests at their schools. Hamtramck teachers did not stage a protest, but former union president Bo Karpinsky said he wore "red for ed."

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# Review: Opinion Page

## Education cuts are aimed at busting teachers' union

In a way, the contract concessions that Hamtramck Public School teachers agreed to was inevitable.

That's because Gov. Rick Snyder and his fellow Republican legislators are about to impose similar cuts anyway. The crux of their demands is for public school teachers to pitch in 20 percent of their health care costs.

Snyder and the state legislature have also agreed to cut per pupil state aid by \$400. This is going to create financial instability in many of the state's school districts.

And if school districts go belly up financially, Gov. Snyder has laid the groundwork for emergency financial managers to take over. The EFMs have been given

broader power that allows them to rip up union contracts, privatize services and even merge districts.

Many have lashed out at Snyder and fellow Republicans for setting up districts for failure just to break the teachers' union, which is perceived to be a large supporter of the Democratic Party.

These cuts, in our opinion, are indeed aimed at busting the teachers' union and opening the door to privatize public education.

The defunding of public education is being made at the same time that Snyder is offering corporations millions of dollars in tax cuts in the belief that corporations will in turn become more profitable and hire more people.

Hogwash.

This is the 10th year of the Bush era tax cuts that were also made in the belief that it would boost the economy and create jobs. That theory is Republican pie in the sky. It doesn't work.

In fact, the economy has gotten worse under these tax cuts.

Let's face facts: Republican lawmakers are on the warpath against unions and the working class.

Voters who voted in Republican lawmakers last fall are now having buyers' remorse. What else will it take to make the public realize that the Snyder's vision to "reinvent" Michigan is being done at the expense of the middle class?

## Odds & Ends

**Flunked ...** We're not going to name names, but while tooling around the city on Tuesday, we came across a curious sight: A local driver's ed instructor had been pulled over by a traffic cop.

Although we're not going to spill who the instructor was, it should be said it was NOT City Councilmember Shahab Ahmed.

tory practices some insurance companies engage in and what you can do about all of this.

The event is Saturday, June 25 at Zam Zam restaurant (located at 11917 Conant) and goes from 4 to 6 p.m. It's free, but there is an appetizer buffet available for \$5.

Panelists include: Wayne County Commissioner Martha

codes. At the time we went to press on Thursday, we had little information on what happened, but at least one major drug bust took place.

One or more of those arrested lived in the Col. Hamtramck housing project. For the families of those arrested who live in the housing apartments, there will be serious consequences.

That's because the arrests will allow the housing administration to evict the families.

And in a follow-up of last week's bust of an Edwin St. man wanted for income tax evasion, there won't be child neglect charges filed against him.

Officers raiding his house removed two children from the home because it was deemed too filthy. It turns out the children weren't living there. But ... the house was in such horrible condition it was condemned and the man can no longer live there – at least until it's cleaned up.

And when we say "filthy" we mean floors covered with feces. At least, that's what the cops say.

Before that bust was made, a family of squatters was kicked out of a house on Lumpkin St. The people were actually given one day to gather their possessions together and find somewhere to go.

Officers came by the next day to make sure they were gone, but they weren't. As they were being escorted out, one woman, who described herself as the homeowner, said here were still four dogs in an upstairs bedroom.

When officers went to get the dogs they practically gagged. The dogs were so malnourished, they had to be euthanized. The woman will be facing animal cruelty charges.



**A driver ed instructor pulls out into traffic after being ticketed for tailgating. His excuse? The driver in front of him was going too slow.**

Anyway, we jumped out of the car to grab a photo and talk with the officer. The reason for pulling the instructor over? He was tailgating another driver along the northbound I-75 service drive, also known as Nagel St.

And by tailgating we're talking within inches of being behind the other driver. The officer said that when he asked the instructor what the deal was, the instructor replied that the other driver was driving too slow!

"And he's teaching people how to drive," said the exasperated officer.

Well, all we can say is, that just might explain why we have so many crappy drivers in this town.

**Teach-in ...** The Hamtramck NAACP will once again hold a teach-in, this time about insurance redlining and preda-

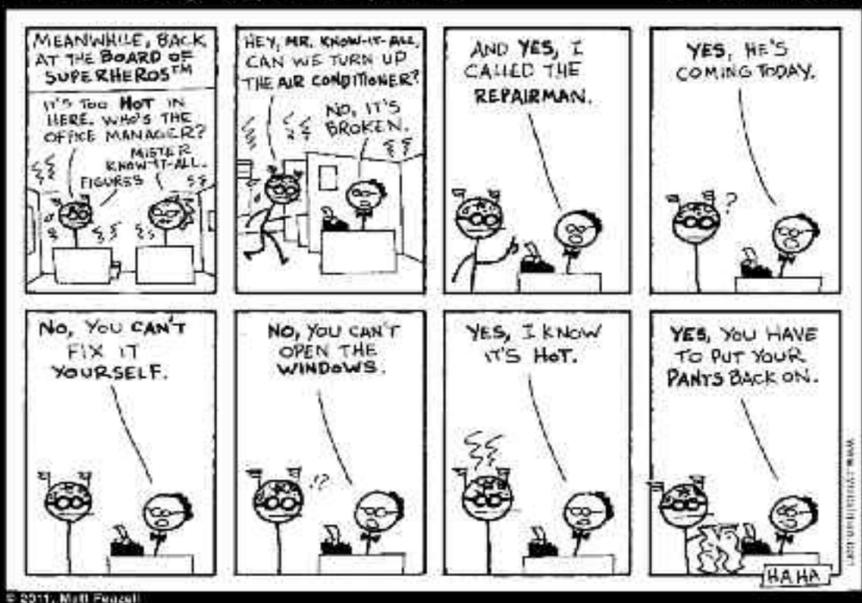
Scott, State Sen. Bert Johnson, Cliff Schrupp from the Fair Housing Center and Maryellen Lewis from the National Community Reinvestment Coalition. Hamtramck NAACP member Bill Meyer will moderate the talk.

**Good cause ...** Hamtramck's Friendship House is holding its annual golf outing to raise much needed money to continue providing food and needed services for the community's low-income residents.

The outing is on Saturday, Aug. 27 at Beacon Hill Golf Club in Commerce Twp. It's \$100 person. For more information, call (313) 871-7443.

**Update ...** The Hamtramck Police Department once again hit the streets in force Wednesday to round up the bad guys and enforce city

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### Spring fever ...

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# Public schools look for a library makeover

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the Pistons Palace Entertainment Department has awarded makeover grants to schools. You can find a list of past winners – with photos – on the Piston's website.

Sometimes they award \$40,000 — sometimes much more—to the school. Usually, they ask some of the star basketball players to come out and help with the painting. It's a wonderful program!

### What gets a child interested in reading? Interests? Teachers? Parents?

Neff: Children naturally love books, especially new books. It's important that students know adults who love to read so that they get interested in reading. It's also important that they are able to choose from a wide variety of books so that they get hooked on reading.

It's the one skill that can turn them into a life-long reader. The Hamtramck Public Schools are working to create life-long learners, not just test-takers who quickly forget what they've learned after

they take their tests.

### Can a child be taught to read voraciously, or is that something that comes from within the child herself/himself? Parents?

Neff: The love of reading is usually taught. Sometimes it takes awhile though for this to happen, especially if the student cannot read in their native language. Availability of reading materials is a crucial part of this.

That is why the Hamtramck Public Schools have stressed reading. Without it a variety of reading programs, many students later drop out of school after high school because they cannot keep up with the coursework.

**I'm interested in your statement, "Being able to read full books of personal interest ... lowers dropout rates. Could you explain it more, and what do you mean by free-choice reading? I know it seems obvious, but I'm wondering if you could explain why free choice, instead of, say, as-**

### signed reading, improves reading skills.

Neff: Most of us came about our vocabularies by reading materials of interest to us. Free choice reading simply means that students have a good amount of choice in the selection of books.

Yes, teachers can use worksheets, or such, but few students fall in love with worksheets or boardwork.

Yes, teachers can use fragments of books in politically correct textbooks. Usually the selections are watered down, though, so that no one takes offense with the textbook. It's rare that students fall in love with a textbook.

Yes, teachers can also assign books. This sometimes turns students off to reading instead of turning them on to reading, though.

I still remember one book by Faulkner assigned to a class when I was in school. It was As I Lay Dying but every student thought of it as As I Die Reading. It was a horrible experience. Although it did not turn me off to reading, sadly, it did turn off other students to reading.

Without strong reading skills, many students later find themselves in the prison population. The statistics on this are a national disgrace. Our politicians should be ashamed of themselves. Stressing tax cuts for the rich over schools for the poor is shortsighted.

All students need to fall in love with reading while in public school. There is a clear link between success in life and reading skills.




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# gardener's corner ...

**By Kathleen Wojcinski**  
Be an urban mini-farmer!  
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# Heatwave rolls into town, and there could be more

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For sure the best place to escape a heatwave is at Pulaski Park where you can jump into a splash pad, or just sit under some shade. But if you have to go out into the concrete jungle, it's best to carry your own form of shade – an umbrella.

place to cool off was at Pulaski Park, where you could take a run through the splash pad or just enjoy the shade under the pavilion, or a tree.

Well, there are, for some weird reason, only a couple of trees in this so-called park, but what else is new? This is Hamtramck, where sometimes up is down and

city "parks" are just glorified lots.

But we digress. Gee ... it must be the heat.

Anyway, if you couldn't find a shady place, the next best thing was to carry your own in the form of an umbrella, which we ran into one fella doing while strolling down Caniff. Hey, it works.



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**Metro news ...**

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. If you were to rely solely on the local mainstream media, you'd think Detroit is no more than a crime-infested wasteland. Well, we're here to say that isn't so. Our friends over at [modelmedia.com](http://modelmedia.com) and [metro-mode.com](http://metro-mode.com) have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past few years.

With their permission, here is a round-up of their reports from the past week:

City crepe-tress Torya Blanchard will open a new sit-down restaurant this summer in Hamtramck. Ootie's, her newest culinary creation, will be housed in the former Thai Bangkok location at 9737 Joseph Campau. Blanchard says she found the 1,100 sq. ft. space through the help of Hamtramck's Director of Community and Economic Development, Jason Friedmann.

"Ootie's is a breakfast and lunch place," she says. While she dances around calling it "upscale," she adds, "it'll be nice, good quality ingredients, but comfort food" – with a creative twist.

"I want it to be food for everyone," she says. "It's a nice, quality place, but not so upscale where people wouldn't feel like they could come in and get a good meal."

She's also excited about the interior design, which she calls comfortable and casual. "That's my favorite part," she says. "On the wall, I'm actually putting up this huge billboard-size poster for Wrigley gum. It's really pretty."

Blanchard's inspiration was a since-shuttered restaurant in Hamtown. "I remember coming to Hamtramck in my early 20s, and there was a restaurant called Salvador Deli," she says. "It was so cute and so charming. Honestly, I think it's time for Hamtramck to have something like that again."

It's the latest venture in Blanchard's burgeoning empire, which includes another Good Girls Go To Paris creperie opening in Grosse Pointe Park this summer, as well as the upcoming Rodin bar in the Park Shelton building, where Good Girls Go To Paris Midtown is located.

"Detroit is an easy place to do this kind of thing," she says of her serial forays into entrepreneurship. "For me, I like doing it, and it's easy to do in Detroit. The Hamtramck Ootie's location is so close to Good Girls and Rodin and ... I don't know, it makes sense. Why not?"

And as for that moniker, Torya's staying coy. "It's a pet name for someone special," she says.

Look for Ootie's to open its doors in late June.

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